(b) The scheme-wise assistance given by the Government during last three years is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Schemes	Amount	
	U.P.	Delhi
Golden Jubilee Rural Housing Finance Scheme	85.60	19.41
Indira Awaas Yojana	725.89	—
Credit-cum-Subsidy Scheme for Rural Housing	7.6	—
Innovative Stream for Rural Housing and Habitat Development	3.19	—
Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana	50.45	1.85

Concurrent audits for projects in NER

2964. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the newly created Department for Development of North East Region has written to CAG to conduct concurrent audits for projects in North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Department got a clearance from the Ministry of Finance in this regard; and

(c) whether CAG has already started to conduct concurrent audits as per Government's request and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of National Rural Bank of India

†2965. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of rural banks in the country are performing well and rural banks employees associations throughout the country *i.e.* All India Gramin Bank Workers Organisation have quite often been demanding to unify them and establish National Rural Bank of India;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that a large number of Members of Parliament have also made a similar request; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when Government propose to set up National Rural Bank of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The financial results for the year 2000-01 indicate that the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) are on the path of recovery. Several employees union/ associations including All India Gramin Bank Workers Organisation have been demanding to establish National Rural Bank of India. Similar requests have also been received from some Members of Parliament.

(c) The issue of merger of all RRBs into a National Rural Bank of India was considered by the Government along-with other alternative models for reviving the RRBs and it was decided to revamp RRBs on a "Stand alone" basis by way of infusion of additional capital.

Disposal of cases by Settlement Commission

2966. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of 1729 applications filed before the Settlement Commission during 1994-95 to 1998-99, only 624 were disposed of and 1105 applications were pending as on 31st March, 1999;

(b) if so, what is the latest figure;

(c) whether no time limit is prescribed for disposal of cases by the Commission with the result that the final settlement of cases is much delayed defeating its very objective;